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Re: Amendment and Response  
Appl. No.: 10/733,776  
Filed: December 12, 2003  
Title: **Process for the Fermentative Preparation  
of L-Amino Acids Using Strains of the  
Enterobacteriaceae Family**  
Inventor(s): Rieping, Mechthild  
Atty. Dkt.: 7601/80921

Dear Sir:

The following documents are being submitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.  
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1. Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
2. Return postcard.

**CALCULATION OF ADDITIONAL FEES**

Applicant(s) have calculated additional fees as follows:

	No. After Amendment	No. Previously Paid for	No. Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims Fee	16	20 =	0	\$ 50.00	0.00
Independent Claims Fee	1	3 =	0	\$ 200.00	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims Fee	0	0	0	\$ 360.00	0.00
Total Additional Claims Fee					0.00
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Applicant does not believe that any fee is due for the filing of these documents. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency with respect to this filing and any other fee required in connection with the present case, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 06-1135 under Order No. 7601/80921.

It is respectfully requested that the enclosed postcard be stamped with the date the enclosed documents are received by the PTO and that it be returned as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of the present document.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4 of the present document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of the present document.